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FOR FADRK AND NEA/ARP

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SUBJECT : PRIVACY ACT REQUEST

REF : STATE 172816

1. IN CONJUNCTION WITH AMBASSADOR'S FEBRUARY 28, 1976 LETTER TO NEA/ARP DESK OFFICER JOHN LYLE, EMBASSY FORWARDED TO ARP ALL RECORDS PERTAINING TO DR. NAKHLEH. IN TERMS OF SUBSTANCE OF THOSE RECORDS EMBASSY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION WHATSOEVER TO THEIR RELEASE BUT WE SERIOUSLY QUESTION THE PROPRIETY OF DOING SO AS A MATTER OF PROCEDURE. THE DOCUMENTS ARE ESSENTIALLY PRIVATE INFORMAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS PROVIDING BACKGROUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO A LETTER FROM DR. NAKHLEH. FOR THIS REASON AS A MATTER OF PROCEDURE IT WOULD SEEM TO US INAPPROPRIATE TO RELEASE THIS BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO DR. NAKHLEH.

2. WE ARE FORWARDING BY CLASSIFIED POUCH ANOTHER FILE ON DR. NAKHLEH COVERING THE PERIOD WHEN HE WAS FULBRIGHT RESEARCH GRANTEE IN BAHRAIN 1972-73. THIS FILE WAS UNTIL LAST MAY AT AMERICAN EMBASSY KUWAIT AND NO ONE AT THIS POST WAS AWARE OF ITS EXISTENCE. BUT CAME TO BAHRAIN IN THE TRANSFER OF FILES IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE RESIDENT USIS OFFICE. ON THE BASIS OF OUR REVIEW OF THIS FILE IT APPEARS TO US THAT ITS RELEASE WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN AND TO US/BAHRAIN RELATIONS (REF: PRIVACY ACT PROPOSED POLICY AND PROCEDURES 6A.6(J)(2)). THE FILE DISCLOSES ATTITUDES AMONG
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KEY BAHRAINI OFFICIALS ABOUT DR. NAKHLEH WHICH WE HAVE REASON

TO BELIEVE HAVE SOMEWHAT MELLOWED OVER THE YEARS AND HENCE ARE
NO LONGER PERTINENT TO HIS FREEDOM TO PURSUE PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL
CONTACTS AND RESEARCH IN BAHRAIN.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF THE DISPO-
SITION ON THIS REQUEST.

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